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SENATE BILL 903

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65 and Title 67, relative to entities building towers for communications service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

- (a) As used in this section, "unserved area" means an area that does not have cellular phone service coverage.
- (b) A provider of cellular phone service that builds a cell phone tower in an unserved area of this state is entitled to a credit in the amount of half the cost of the lease of the property on which the cell phone tower is built, in computing any liability to the department for sales or use tax. The provider must provide reasonable proof satisfactory to the department in order to receive the credit under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.